

Dean of Students Letter

Dear Loyola Marymount University Students,

We are so grateful to be able to welcome all of our students back to the bluff after a difficult and challenging 18 months. Congratulations on accepting the challenge to live the Lion's Code. LMU is a special place, steeped in tradition, where we embrace the encouragement of learning, the education of the whole person (mind, body, spirit), and the service of faith and the promotion of justice. LMU is one of 27 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States and one of 100's of Jesuit colleges and universities worldwide, so you are now a member of an expansive community with more than 500 years of experience in excellence in education and development of leaders.

Much will be expected of you as a Lion and member of the LMU community. The faculty and staff at LMU are fully prepared to both challenge and support you as you immerse yourself in your academic endeavors, become engaged in student clubs, organizations and recreation, and stand in solidarity with others through service and justice activities. We expect you to engage with others in honest and respectful ways, listening with your ears and with your heart as you do the work necessary to genuinely understand different perspectives. It is through this difficult and sometimes painful work that we truly create the lion community.

The Student Affairs Division could not be more excited to have you back here. You will soon learn about our divisional commitment to you, the [five pillars](#) of the [Student EXPerience or Student EXP](#). Here's a preview:

1. **Integrate Mind, Body, and Spirit** – demonstrate transformative growth and develop as a whole person through the integration of mind, body and spirit.
2. **Commit to Service and Justice** – be a socially responsible citizen committed to building a more just world.
3. **Become a Global Citizen** – value the diversity of the human experience and commit to the practice of interculturalism to make meaningful contributions as a citizen of the global community.
4. **Practice Ignatian Values** – make decisions congruent with your personal beliefs, values and faith through continuous reflection and discernment.
5. **Live a life of Purpose** – lead a life where your greatest passion meets the world's greatest need.

Do you have what it takes to be a Lion? I think you do. Accept our challenge and support (when you need it) and you will grow, develop, and transform into a Jesuit-educated scholar and leader. And you will always be, a Lion!

Best wishes for a successful, safe and enjoyable academic year.

Sincerely,



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